REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed February 15, 2011 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered. Claims 106-108, 110, 112-116, 119-121, 124, 125, 127, 129 and 144-148 and 157-177 are pending in this application. Claims 106-108, 110, 112-116, 119-121, 124, 125, 127, 129 and 144-148 and 157-177 are rejected. Claims 1-105, 109, 111, 117, 118, 122, 123, 126, 128, 130-143 and 149-156 were previously cancelled. Through this Amendment, claims 106, 113,120, 125, 144, 157, 163, 169, 173 and 174 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. As explained in more detail below, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.

Claim Amendments

Through this Amendment, each of the pending independent claims (claims 106, 113,120, 125, 144, 157, 163, 169, 173 and 174) have been amended. Specifically, each of the independent claims have been amended to recite embodiments in which "the optical properties changing unit comprises a glass cover, a hard cover, and a lens different from the lens module of the camera system." (amendments underlined). As indicated in the Examiner's Interview Summary dated May 5, 2011, these amendments "would appear to overcome the cited arts." Applicants, therefore, respectfully request entry of these amendments.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 106-108, 110, 112-116, 119-121, 124, 125, 127, 129 and 144-148 and 157-177 are allowable over the art of record, either individually or in combination.

Claim Rejections under U.S.C. §103

Each of the pending claims stand rejected under 35 USC 103. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the Remarks below.

Through this Amendment, independent claims 106, 113,120, 125, 144, 157, 163, 169, 173 and 174 have been amended to recite either:

(i) an "optical properties changing unit [that] comprises a glass cover, a hard cover, and a lens different from the lens module of the camera system"; or (ii) a method involving the use of

an "optical properties changing unit [that] comprises a glass cover, a hard cover, and a lens different from the lens module of the camera system."

As indicated in the Examiner's Interview Summary dated May 5, 2011, these amendments "would appear to overcome the cited arts."

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 106-108, 110, 112-116, 119-121, 124, 125, 127, 129 and 144-148 and 157-177 are allowable over the art of record, either individually or in combination, for at least this reason alone. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

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